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SUBJECT: MEETING ON COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROJECT,
JUNE 29-30

REF: A) PARIS 16251 B) PARIS 17964

1. IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SEC-
RETARY SCHUH TO REMAIN FOLLOWING WP-1 TO COVER SUBJECT
MEETING AS RECOMMENDED REF (B). IT IS THEREFORE
PROPOSED AG ATTACHE COVER MEETING AND BE GUIDED BY
FOLLOWING:

2. WE CAN AGREE TO NEW INITIATIVE BY FRG AS REPORTED IN
REF (A). WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS SHOULD SET A
PRECEDENT REGARDING CONTRIBUTION IN KIND.
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3. RE QUESTION RAISED REF (B) PARA- 2 WE CANNOT REPEAT,
NOT EXCEED 25 PERCENT GENERAL CONTRIBUTION. IT WAS
CLEARLY THE INTENT OF THE CONGRESS THAT OUR CONTRIBUTIONS
TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS GENERALLY NOT EXCEED 25
PERCENT. THIS POLICY WENT INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 1974.

4. IT IS OUR VIEW THAT SECRETARIAT SHOULD PLAN BEGIN PROGRAM ON JANUARY 1, 1979 RATHER THAN RUSHING AHEAD AND CREATING PARTIAL BUDGETING PERIOD. THIS WOULD, IN OUR

OPINION, ALLOW FOR MORE ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAM AND ANY RECRUITMENT THAT MAY BE INVOLVED.

5. WE ARE ASSUMING THAT MEETING WILL CONCENTRATE ON PROPOSED ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCING OF PROJECT. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT ANY PROGRAM MATTERS BE DISCUSSED AT THE OCTOBER 9-11 MEETING FOR THE FOURTH WORKING CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH. FOR EXAMPLE, THE KEY DIRECTORS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH WHO MIGHT BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE OCTOBER 9-11 MEETING, COULD, PROVIDED SECRETARIAT COULD ARRANGE ONE DAY, SUGGEST A PROTOCOL FOR GETTING PROGRAM UNDERWAY WHEN STAFF OFFICER HAS BEEN NAMED. THIS WOULD PERMIT THE EARLY DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN OF ACTION TO ASSIST STAFF OFFICER IN EXPEDITING THE PROGRAM OBJECTIVE.

6. SUGGEST AG ATTACHE TELEPHONE MR. EDMINSTER 202-447-5134 PRIOR TO MEETING. VANCE

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